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SUMMARY: BERLIN ALLIED LIAISON AND PROTOCOL NOTES
GRANTING ACCREDITATION TO HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN CONSULS
GENERAL IN BERLIN WERE DELIVERED BY ALLIED EMBASSIES IN
BONN MARCH 15. THE NOTES, WHICH WERE FORWARDED TO
BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN BONN AND HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN
COLOGNE PER NORMAL PROCEDURE, EXTEND AUTHORIZATION TO
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PERFORM CONSULAR FUNCTIONS IN BERLIN EFFECTIVE MARCH 1.

ONE PROBLEM AND SOME PUBLICITY HAVE RESULTED. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MARCH 14 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FONOFF REP (LUECKING) REPORTED ON ONE CONSEQUENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ABOVE ACTION SO FAR. HE SAID FONOFF HAD A REPORT THAT THE BERLIN SENAT CHANCELLERY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY REP OF HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN. THE HUNGARIAN REP, GABOS, HAD SAID HE WANTED TO BEGIN TECHNICAL PREPARATION FOR THE NEW GOH CG IN WEST BERLIN.

2. LUECKING SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND FOLLOWING TO FRG EMBASSY BUDAPEST AND ASKED FOR ALLIED VIEWS. THE FRG EMBASSY WOULD TELL HUNGARIAN MFA THAT GERMANS CONCEDE NEED FOR ADVANCE PREPARATION. THIS SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE DONE BY MEMBERS OF HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN. FRG WOULD REQUEST THAT SOMEONE FROM MFA BE DESIGNATED TO MAKE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS (BUILDING, HOUSING, ETC.) WITH SENAT, AND THAT THE THREE POWERS BE INFORMED. IF GOH INSISTED ON IT FRG WOULD EVEN BE WILLING TO ACCEPT MEMBER OF EAST BERLIN EMBASSY TO DO ADVANCE WORK, BUT ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL WERE CLEARLY DESIGNATED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO HUNGARIAN CG IN WEST BERLIN (WHEN ESTABLISHED) AND UNDERTOOK THE PREPARATIONS IN THAT CAPACITY AND NOT AS EAST BERLIN EMBASSY MEMBER.

3. COMMENT: ALLIED REPS ALL AGREED TO ABOVE PROCEDURE, BUT STRESSED THAT IF SOMEONE FROM EAST BERLIN DID NEGOTIATE WITH THE SENAT, IT WOULD ONLY BE UNDER STRICT OBSERVANCE OF CONDITIONS PARA 2 ABOVE. USBER MAY WISH TO MAKE SAME POINT TO SENAT IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE. (WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF LUECKING'S TEL TO DEPARTMENT, BUDAPEST AND BERLIN FOR INFO.) END COMMENT.

4. AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE MARCH 15, FRG SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN FULLY INFORMED BY THE ALLIES ON THE HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN CONSULATES GENERAL. HE SAID FRG WELCOMES THEIR ESTABLISHMENT, SINCE IT UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE OF BERLIN STORY HAD BROKEN MARCH 15 IN CONFIDENTIAL

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"FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU", WHICH PRINTED ACCOUNT POINTING OUT THAT THE ALLIES HAD NO INTENTION OF PERMITTING THE NEW CG'S TO PERFORM THE RANGE OF FUNCTIONS ALLOWED TO THE SOVIET CG IN BERLIN. THE HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS, THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED, WOULD BE LIMITED STRICTLY TO CONSULAR FUNCTIONS.
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